REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants acknowledge receipt of the above-identified Office Action and respectfully traverse the Office Action in its entirety. Claims 1-41 are canceled herein, and claims 42-81 are newly added. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more continuing applications for the subject matter in the cancelled claims, and have cancelled the claims solely to expedite prosecution of the instant application. Applicants' cancellation thereof should not be construed as acquiescence to or agreement with the arguments presented by the Examiner. Applicants' amendments having rendered the Examiner's rejection moot, Applicants respectfully request examination of the instant claims.

Independent claim 42 is directed to a user interface for displaying dynamic content comprising a dynamic layer, wherein the dynamic layer comprises an item display area and a summary area, wherein, when a user clicks on or otherwise selects a summary in the summary area, the item display area is updated to reflect information about the newly selected summary without retrieving additional information from a server. Applicants respectfully assert that Pasquali, the Netscape Communicator Documentation, and Brattli neither teach nor suggest Applicants' recited dynamic layer comprising a summary display area and an item display area. The Examiner acknowledges, and Applicants agree, that Pasquali does not teach dynamic interface elements able to be presented and modified in response to selected user input without requiring further interaction with a server. Applicants further assert that Pasquali does not teach or suggest at least the presentation of a dynamic layer comprising an item display area and a summary area, as recited in Applicants' claim 42.

The Netscape Communicator Documentation provides a very high level description of Dynamic HTML. The undersigned has reviewed the Netscape Communicator Documentation and respectfully asserts that it does not teach or suggest at least a dynamic layer comprising an item display area and a summary area, wherein, when a user clicks on or otherwise selects a summary in the summary area, the item display area is updated to reflect information about the newly selected summary without retrieving additional information from a server, as recited in Applicants' claim 42.

In rejecting the previously pending claims, the Examiner asserted that Brattli disclosed dynamic interface elements capable of specific functionality. The scripts described in Brattli all involve presenting information to a user, and are primarily directed to presenting menus to users.

Menus are lists of links to available content which appear in a condensed or abbreviated form
until a user activates the menu, at which point a hierarchical list of links is presented. In the
Brattli menus, when a user selects a link the browser will still obtain new information from a
server before the corresponding content is displayed to the user. Brattli's PageScroll control
description appears to describe the loading of a first browser page into a first browser layer,
allowing a user to click on a link, loading the content associated with the link into a second
browser layer, and then causing the second browser layer to gradually "rotate" in over the first
browser layer. The undersigned has reviewed Brattli, and respectfully asserts that Brattli does
not disclose a dynamic content user interface comprising a dynamic layer, the dynamic layer
being generated by a browser and comprises a visible item display area and a visible summary
display area, the summary display area comprising a plurality of entries, the content displayed in
the item display area being associated with a selected one of the plurality of entries in the
summary display area, the item display area being updated to reflect a newly selected one of the
plurality of entries in the summary display area without retrieving additional information from a
server.

It is therefore respectfully submitted that neither Pasquali nor the Netscape
Communicator Documentation, nor Brattli, nor the combination thereof, disclose all elements of
Applicants' claimed invention as recited in claim 42, and Applicants therefore respectfully
request a Notice of Allowance for claim 42 and the claims depending therefrom.

Independent claim 62 is directed to a method for displaying dynamic content to a user
comprising, *inter alia*, transmitting a browser interpretable document to a computing device
wherein the browser interpretable document comprises instructions for displaying a dynamic
layer to the user, wherein the dynamic layer comprises an item display are and a summary
display area, and wherein the summary display area comprises a plurality of entries selectable by
a user, wherein information associated with a selected user selectable region is displayed in the
item display area, and wherein the displaying is done without retrieving additional information
from a server. It is respectfully submitted that Pasquali, the Netscape Communicator
Documentation, and Brattli, alone or in combination, neither teach nor suggest Applicants'
recited dynamic layer comprising a summary display area and an item display area, nor do the
references teach or suggest a plurality of entries selectable by a user, wherein information
associated with a selected user selectable region is displayed in the item display area, and

wherein the displaying is done without retrieving additional information from the server. The Examiner acknowledges, and Applicants agree, that Pasquali does not teach dynamic interface elements able to be presented and modified in response to selected user input without requiring further interaction with a server. Applicants further assert that Pasquali does not teach or suggest at least the presentation of a dynamic layer comprising an item display area and a summary area, as recited in Applicants' claim 62.

The Netscape Communicator Documentation provides a very high level description of Dynamic HTML, and does not teach or suggest at least a dynamic layer comprising an item display area and a summary area, wherein, when a user clicks on or otherwise selects a summary in the summary area, the item display area is updated to reflect information about the newly selected summary without retrieving additional information from a server, as recited in Applicants' claim 62.

In rejecting the previously pending claims, the Examiner asserted that Brattli disclosed dynamic interface elements capable of specific functionality. The scripts described in Brattli all involve presenting information to a user, and are primarily directed to presenting menus to users. Menus are lists of links to available content which appear in a condensed or abbreviated form until a user activates the menu, at which point a hierarchical list of links is presented. In the Brattli menus, when a user selects a link the browser will still obtain new information from a server before the corresponding content is displayed to the user. Brattli's PageScroll control description appears to describe the loading of a first browser page into a first browser layer, allowing a user to click on a link, loading the content associated with the link into a second browser layer, and then causing the second browser layer to gradually "rotate" in over the first browser layer. Brattli does not disclose a dynamic content user interface comprising a dynamic layer, the dynamic layer being generated by a browser and comprises a visible item display area and a visible summary display area, the summary display area comprising a plurality of entries, the content displayed in the item display area being associated with a selected one of the plurality of entries in the summary display area, the item display area being updated to reflect a newly selected one of the plurality of entries in the summary display area without retrieving additional information from a server.

It is respectfully submitted that neither Pasquali nor the Netscape Communicator Documentation, nor Brattli, nor the combination thereof, disclose all elements of Applicants'

claimed invention as recited in claim 62, and Applicants therefore respectfully request a Notice of Allowance for claim 62 and the claims depending therefrom.

CONCLUSION

Having responded to all objections and rejections set forth in the outstanding Office Action, it is submitted that the currently pending claims are in condition for allowance and Notice to that effect is respectfully solicited. Additional characteristics or arguments may exist that distinguish the claims over the prior art cited by the Examiner, and Applicants respectfully preserve their right to present these in the future, should they be necessary. In the event that the Examiner is of the opinion that a brief telephone or personal interview will facilitate allowance of one or more of the above claims, he is courteously requested to contact applicant's undersigned representative.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this filing, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1561. If an extension of time is required, this should be considered a petition therefor. If the fees associated with a Request for Continued Examination are filed herewith, this should be considered a petition therefor.

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